

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Week of September 2, 2016**  
**Superfund Division**

**Highlight of Past Week**

**Tronox NAUM – Slope Stabilization at the Former Cove Transfer Station:** Starting next week we will begin construction activities to mitigate surface erosion at a former uranium ore transfer station located in the Cove/Red Valley Chapter of the Navajo Nation, in eastern Arizona. The erosion repair at the former Cove Transfer Station site will include: stabilizing the affected slopes and constructing slope diversion channels; restoring the roadside ditch with rock material; removing dead or dying vegetation and excavating and consolidating any contaminated soils on site as appropriate; vegetating the affected slope with seeds and young plants; and providing irrigation with an on-site water tank to feed a drip irrigation system, until plants are established. The erosion repair work is anticipated to continue through mid-October. (Contact: Randy Nattis, x2-3053 or Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390)



**\$85 million RFP for Navajo uranium mine assessment activities:** On August 31, we issued a Request for Proposals for the Navajo Area Uranium Mines Response, Assessment, and Evaluation Services contract. This is our first large contract solicitation for the \$1B Tronox settlement, with an estimated value of \$85 million for this RFP. This procurement will provide contractor support for scientific/technical services to assist Regions 6 and 9 with assessment activities for time critical and non-time critical actions on and adjacent to the Navajo Nation.

**Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

Autumn Roe, x2-3933 or Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390)

(Contact:

**Montrose/Del Amo Vapor Intrusion Investigation:** Yolanda Sanchez and Yarissa Martinez visited various residences to explain the results of the 2nd round of indoor air samples. Some of the residents where we sampled improved their indoor air quality by removing and/or relocating products that contained certain chemicals and increasing ventilation. (Contact: Yarissa Martinez, x4-1806)

**Edwards AFB (Arroyos Dispute):** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Kevin Mayer, x2-3176)

**WPX Energy Inc.:** Enforcement 7 (A)

(Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

### **Significant Items for Next Week**

### **Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)**

**CAA 112(r) General Duty Clause Inspections on Navajo:** Enforcement 7 (A)

(Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

### **Grant Announcements**

### **Legislative Engagement**

### **Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements**

**CalOSHA Proposed Refinery Process Safety Management Rule:** Johnstone will attend a public hearing on CalOSHA's Proposed Refinery PSM rules in Martinez on September 15. (Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

### **30-60 Day Outlook**

### **Other Information**

**Apache Nitrogen Powder (Benson, AZ):** On September 1, a conference call is scheduled with ANPI , EPA and the Corps to review the final draft of the Statement of Work (SOW) for an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the remaining building demolition activities on the Site. ORC and the Superfund program are also coordinating on the specific provisions in the body of the AOC. Separately, EPA is completing its review of the Benson Private Property Close-out Report for the waste removal activities that occurred earlier in 2016 on that property. EPA, ADEQ and ANPI are meeting on September 13 in Tucson to discuss the Updated Southern Area Characterization Report and Site Conceptual Model (SCM) and the schedule for a focused FS for revising the Southern Area groundwater remedy. (Contact: Andria. Benner, x2-3189)

**Division Director Schedule:** Enrique Manzanilla is in the office next week.

### **Internal to Region 9**

### **Confidential Information**